## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

CHRISTOF STRECK GUIDO KOERNER THORSTEN KAMMLER

THORSTEN

Serial No.: 10/786,388

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For: METHOD OF FORMING AN EPITAXIAL LAYER FOR RAISED

DRAIN AND SOURCE REGIONS BY REMOVING CONTAMINATIONS Confirmation No.: 2900

Examiner: Binh X. Tran

Group Art Unit: 1765

Att'y Docket: 2000,110400/DE0341

Customer No.: 23720

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 17, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2006, for which the three-month date for response is June 17, 2006.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the present paper. However, should any fees be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21, the Director is authorized to deduct such fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2000.110400.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.